

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	:
Erning Xia et al.	: Confirmation No.: 2368
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Serial No. : 10/724,680	: Examiner: Carlic K. Huynh
Filed: December 1, 2003	: Art Unit: 1617
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Title: USE OF A CATIONIC POLYSACCHARIDE TO ENHANCE BIOCIDAL EFFICACIES	: Attorney Docket No.: P03295
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following claim amendments be entered and considered prior to any substantive examination.

The **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which listing begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.